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Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Societies, Malabar.

* 1075 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Co-operative department has taken complete charge of all the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir."

* 1076 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether any conditions have been laid down by the Co-operative department for taking complete charge of the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies, Limited, Malabar, and if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government have ordered that the following conditions should be satisfied before administrative control over a Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society is transferred to the Co-operative department :—

(1) The procurement and distribution work done by the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society should have been wound up ;

(2) the money due to Government from the society should have been recovered or should be covered by the amount due to it by Government; and

(3) the society should not have anything to do with the purchase and sale of paddy and rice in the free market."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know how many societies have been brought under the direct control of the Co-operative department and how many yet remain to be taken over? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY.—" Out of 107 societies, 62 have been taken over from the Collector of Malabar by the Co-operative department up to 18th January 1955. Seventeen of these were taken over recently. Eighteen societies have been converted into other types of societies. The registration of twelve societies has been cancelled. Four more societies have to be liquidated. Inquiries are being made with regard to 28 societies regarding the possibility of converting them into other types of societies."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Taking charge of the administrative control of the Provincial Co-operative Credit Societies in Malabar by the Co-operative department has taken a long time since procurement in the district and distribution of rice were given up by the societies. Taking into consideration the difficulties felt by certain societies in getting themselves converted into multi-purpose societies with limited liability and rural banks with the same limited liability, will the Government please issue instructions to the department to make necessary amendments to the rules prohibiting the conversion of these societies into multi-purpose societies and rural banks with limited liability? "